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**THOMPSON LIKES TO GO FAST.****Didn't Pay for an Allen-Kingston Car Because It Was Too Slow, He Says.**

Commissioner Henry S. Thompson of the Department of Motor Vehicle Supply, Gas and Electricity, who is suing the Allen-Kingston Motor Car Company to recover \$1,500 paid for a car on the ground that he couldn't get the specified speed of seventy-four miles an hour out of the car, testified yesterday in cross-examination before Supreme Court Justice McCall that he decided to buy an Allen-Kingston car because he heard they were fast.

"I told Walter C. Allen that I wanted a speedy, flashy, fast racer that would make 'em all sit up and take notice," said Commissioner Thompson.

"What is your experience as a driver?" asked counsel for the defendant.

"I have driven over 150,000 miles in the last year," he answered. "I never exceeded a car, but I know a good one when I see it," said the witness.

"You know that 150,000 miles in six years means 25,000 miles a year, a trip around the globe or about 600 miles a week, don't you?"

"Yes, I like to drive."

The defense contends that Commissioner Thompson didn't conclude to send his car back until he learned that Mayor Gaynor was going to appoint him to his present position, and that he could then have a car to use. He admitted on the stand that he consulted his lawyer about sending the car back just before the Mayor appointed him. He also admitted that he induced Percy Rockefeller to buy a car like his and collected 15 per cent. commission on that car.

**HUGGER, WAS ONCE RICH.****Magistrate Freshly Recognizes Miles Hefferan in Court.**

When Miles Hefferan, 34 years old, was arraigned in the night court early yesterday by Patrolman Rawson of the John street station on a charge of soliciting alms from pedestrians in Whitehall street at midnight, Magistrate Freshi looked bewildered.

"Are you sure this is the man?" he asked the policeman.

"Yes, your Honor. I watched him for twenty minutes," replied Rawson.

"Well," exclaimed the Magistrate, "it is unbelievable. This man was a merchant in West Broadway a few years ago and was rich. How did it happen, Hefferan?"

The old man muttered something about his married daughter in Brooklyn, but could not remember her name. When asked where he lived, he gave 415 Pearl street as his address.

"Why did you ask about it?" asked Magistrate Freshi.

"I am down and out, Judge," replied Hefferan. "I helped many men when I had the money, and I thought some one ought to help me now."

Hefferan's cent in his pockets and when he discharged him, Magistrate Freshi gave him a card to Brooklyn in order that he might go to his daughter's home.

**HAD MRS. FOLKES \$6,200.**  
Murphy, Her Secretary, Telephoned It Was His, but Police Locked Him Up.

When Mrs. William B. Folkle of 50 Central Park West got home yesterday afternoon from Brooklyn, where she had drawn some money out of a savings bank, she left the money, about \$6,200, lying on a table in her apartment. She looked for it later, but it was gone.

About dinner time Patrick J. Murphy, formerly a bookmaker, who has recently acted as secretary for Mrs. Folkle, called her on the telephone from his home in Astoria, saying he had the money.

"It's mine," said he, "I've got it and I'm going to keep it. So there you are."

Mrs. Folkle asked the police of the West Sixty-eighth street station to send a constable to Astoria for Murphy.

The constable brought him to Manhattan and Mrs. Folkle, who is about 70 years old, went around to the West Sixty-eighth street police station at 1:20 o'clock this morning to make a complaint against him.

Murphy was held on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree and was taken to Police Headquarters.

Mrs. Folkle's husband, William B. Folkle, died about two years ago. He was an exporter and importer.

**WOMEN FORSWEAR THEIR SEX.**  
Say They Are "Male Persons" to Comply With Registration Oath.

Several suffrage leaders manifested some excitement yesterday afternoon over the report from Seattle that approximately 400 women in registering swore that they were "male persons."

The form of oath adopted by law for administering the oath of registration states that the one registering is a "male person." It has not been amended since the recent enfranchisement of women.

The Rev. Anna Shaw, president of the National Suffrage Association, said that she thought it was very strange that the Legislature hadn't repealed the old law when they gave women the right to vote.

"As for the women not noticing it," she continued, "it was probably a great long document which they didn't even read. They knew that they had the right to vote and they naturally supposed the form of registration was all right."

When my lawyer asks me to sign a paper that is very long I frequently don't bother to read it through.

"The real reason though that the Western papers are taking this up," went on Miss Shaw, "is that the Mayor of Seattle is a very unpopular individual and he has been making a move for his recall. Probably most of the women will vote in sympathy with the reformers, and the official and his lieutenants will do everything in their power to put technicalities in the way of the women. There is certainly no real reason why a mere oversight in wording like this should invalidate a vote."

Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, president of the Woman's Political Union, said she thought it a good joke.

It was not the women's business to ask to have the law changed, she explained. It was the business of the men to look out for that. Women had probably no knowledge of the form of the registration oath until they came to take it. Even if they did notice the absurdity of it when it was administered, the best thing for them to do was to keep quiet about it.

"I think it is all on account of the paucity of the English language," announced Albert H. Hill, the secretary. "Now in our new bill it keeps saying 'he' all the way through when it means women too. Women are so used to this use of pronouns in legal documents that they probably thought 'male citizen' was just a form they needn't bother about."

**FIRE DROVE OUT DEAF MUTES****MAN PASSING ON LEXINGTON AVE. CAR GAVE WARNING.**

The 250 children didn't know the danger and gave a perfect fire drill. Barefooted ones taken into the Seventh Regiment Armory for a few hours.

A man jumped out of a Lexington avenue car at Sixty-seventh street early last evening and ran into a five-story building that runs from Sixty-seventh to Sixty-eighth street. The first person he saw was a little girl, who was clearing the dishes from the dining room table. He told her excitedly that the place was on fire, for he had seen flames shooting from the cupola. The little girl was Mabel Stone. She couldn't understand the man because she is a deaf mute, but she ran to her outside and showed her the flames.

The building on fire was the Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes. Inside were 250 children and twenty-three nurses and teachers. Harris Taylor, the principal, was in his office and Mabel Stone, followed by the discoverer of the flames, ran to Mr. Taylor and announced the news with her fingers before the man could speak.

Mr. Taylor turned in an auxiliary alarm at once, after which he rushed through the building telling the teachers what had happened. Most of the children, who are pretty young, were already in their pajamas and nightgowns and some were in bed, but they did not smell the smoke and had no way of knowing that there was any danger.

On the top floor in charge of Mrs. Mary Caldwell were Lena Harrison, Fannie Rubins and Ida Lehen. They were all with whooping cough. Mrs. Caldwell hadn't noticed any fire until the principal told her, but upon investigation she saw the flames creeping along the ceiling under the roof. She sent in another auxiliary alarm.

The clatter of the fire engines and the clanking of bells didn't disturb the little deaf mutes inside, and when Mr. Taylor and the teachers gave the sign for a fire drill they laughed and fell in line. In a jiffy they were being marched out through every available exit. There was no disorder and the children in bare feet came out from all sides of the building, some on Sixty-seventh street, some on Sixty-eighth street and the rest on Lexington avenue.

It was a difficult task to know what to do with 250 deaf mutes after they had been marched out of the building, but folks living in the neighborhood were more than willing to take care of them, and they did. Across the street from the institution is the Seventh Regiment Armory, where a small celebration was on last night. Col. Daniel Appleton, Capt. W. G. Schuyler, Major McLean and other officers opened the doors and took the youngsters in, wrapping them up in blankets so that they shouldn't take cold. Other children were carried off to houses near by.

The firemen poured tons of water into the building, for the flames were hard to get at, but they confined them to the upper part of the structure and in an hour extinguished them entirely. Deputy Chief Callahan, who was in charge, said that he never saw a finer fire drill than the deaf mutes executed. He wondered whether it would have panned out as well if they had known of the danger.

After the fire was out Principal Taylor and his teachers had the huge job of rounding up their charges. Two patrol wagons were pressed into service and the policemen visited every house where the children might be.

"Got any deaf and dumb kids here?" they asked.

The wagons when full rumbled over to the Seventh Regiment Armory, got rid of their loads and went for more. After a while Mr. Taylor started in to count noses. He was surprised to find every one accounted for.

The building was damaged to about \$20,000, but all but forty of the children were taken back there last night. The rest went over to the New York Foundling Asylum. Col. Appleton offered the use of the armory but Mr. Taylor declined with thanks. The Hahnemann Hospital and the Baptist Home for the Aged which are adjacent to the Deaf and Dumb Institute got some of the smoke but weren't upset in the slightest degree.

**ELECTION OF SENATORS.****Vote in the Senate Indicates That Popular Election Resolution Will Pass.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A vote in the Senate to-day indicates a strong drift in that body in favor of the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of Senators by direct vote. Opponents of the measure as introduced in the Senate by the Judiciary Committee sought to postpone consideration of the matter when it came before the Senate to-day and were voted down, 42 to 17. Several of the Senators declared on the floor that the resolution would be adopted.

Senator Sutherland of Utah offered two amendments which strike out of the Judiciary Committee resolution the prohibition against Congress prescribing rules in regard to the time and place of holding elections.

The resolution before the Senate proposes to leave to the State the prescribing of rules and regulations for the elections. Senator Hale of Maine moved that the Senate adjourn. It was the purpose of the Senator from Maine to shut off the discussion for the time in this way. Senator Hale's motion, however, was voted down, 42 to 17.

Senator Borah asked unanimous consent that January 22 be set as the date for a final vote on the resolution. Senator Hayburn of Idaho, Senator Borah's colleague, objected, and this effort to fix a time for the vote was defeated.

Senator Sutherland's amendment then came before the Senate for immediate consideration. Senator Borah was disposed to urge immediate action upon this resolution, but at Senator Cullum's request he yielded to allow the latter to move for an executive session. He gave warning, however, that he would allow no more delay.

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**TO HEAD CARLIST REVOLT.****Spanish Pretender Thinks King Alfonso's Crown Is in Danger.**

ROME, Jan. 13.—Prince Francis, cousin of Don Jaime de Bourbon, the Spanish pretender, in an interview published by the Tribune to-day, confirms the report that Don Jaime resigned his captaincy in the Russian army in preparation to head the Carlist movement to recover the throne of Spain.

His action was taken in response to pressure from his partisans, who urge an active policy, believing that Alfonso's crown is endangered.

Don Jaime will shortly take overt steps, meanwhile he will come to Tuscany, where his betrothed resides. She is his cousin, a daughter of the late Duke Robert of Parma. She is a millionaire.

**R. WEBBER'S CAR KILLS GIRL.****Owner and Chauffeur Said She Ran Into the Auto. Driver Arrested Before.**

An automobile, owned by Richard Webber, Jr., of New Rochelle, ran over and killed a girl yesterday afternoon and killed her. The child was crossing White street at 110th street and the machine, which was moving south, was driven by Joseph Murphy. Mr. Webber was the only passenger.

The chauffeur blew the horn, but he said the girl ran directly in front so that he couldn't turn out without striking her. As soon as he saw what had happened Mr. Webber picked Mabel up and drove to Lehigh Hospital, but the doctors were unable to save her life and she died from a fractured skull shortly after her arrival there.

Mr. Webber and Murphy waited until a policeman arrived. Murphy was examined by the Coroner last night and was held in \$2,500 bail. He admitted having been arrested three times before for fast driving. Mr. Webber is one of the owners of the Harlem Packing House.

**ARMY FOR SCHULE DREYFUS.****Steel Importer's Wife Feels His Mind Was Affected by Business Troubles.**

The police have sent out a general alarm for Achille Dreyfus of 106 East Eighty-second street, who has been missing since Tuesday. He is an importer of steel with an office at 1926 Broadway. On Tuesday morning he promised to meet his wife at 29 West Twenty-first street. His wife was a few minutes late and learned that he had been there and gone. She has not seen him since.

Mrs. Dreyfus fears that his mind may have been affected by trouble he has met recently in his business. All his money, she said, he had invested in a patent which he believed would be indispensable to the steel manufacturers. The new process was unsuccessful, and recently several notes for money he had put into the development of the new method came due.

**THREE VICTIMS OF GUN FIGHT.****Policeman Likely to Die, One Man Dead and One Badly Wounded.**

MOUNT VERNON, Jan. 13.—In a pistol fight here this afternoon Policeman Pasquale J. Buffalo was badly wounded by a bullet from his own weapon. Arturo Tiso, 28 years old, of 365 Mundy lane, was killed, and Alessandro Tiso, his brother, 27 years old, of 110 Mulberry street, Manhattan, was probably mortally wounded. The shooting occurred on South Eighth avenue, near West Third street, shortly before 5 o'clock and was seen by several hundred commuters returning home.

Alexandro Tiso came here this afternoon to visit his brother Arturo. He found him in Lombardi's saloon. Arturo had been drinking and was flourishing a loaded revolver. Lombardi told Alessandro to take his brother out. A scuffle ensued and both brothers landed on the sidewalk.

Policeman Buffalo came up and told Arturo Tiso he was under arrest. Alessandro remonstrated and a fight followed. The policeman saw the revolver in Arturo Tiso's hand and he opened fire, wounding both men. They closed in on him and his revolver was knocked from his hand. One of the brothers picked up the pistol and shot Buffalo in the back. Buffalo fell to the sidewalk and Arturo Tiso dropped to the ground. Alessandro ran away.

Arturo died shortly after being taken to the Mount Vernon Hospital. Policeman Buffalo was shot through the spine and is paralyzed below the hips. It is said at the hospital that he cannot live. He is married and has eight children. Alessandro Tiso was found at his home with a bad bullet wound in his chest. He was taken to the hospital. The doctors say his recovery is doubtful.

In an ante-mortem statement Buffalo told Coroner Boedeker that Alessandro Tiso shot him.

**GEORGE L. PEABODY OPERATED ON.****Boston Banker Has Growth Removed From Head. Hope of Recovery.**

BALTIMORE, Jan. 13.—George L. Peabody, the Boston banker, who has been at Johns Hopkins Hospital since Wednesday, was operated upon by Dr. Harvey Cushing to-day to remove a growth from his head. His condition is critical, but Dr. Cushing believes his patient will recover.

Miss Edith Deacon, Mr. Peabody's fiancée, has an apartment at the hotel and is with him nearly all the time.

**PETIT WILL BROKEN.**  
Jury Finds in Favor of Son on Second Trial of the Case.

A jury before Supreme Court Justice Davis brought in a verdict for Frank X. Pettit yesterday in his suit to break the will of his father, William D. Pettit, a builder, who put up Wallack's Theatre and was a member of the Tammany Hall general committee many years ago. The estate amounted to \$100,000 and it all went to the testator's second wife, Pettit, the only survivor of a large family of children, got only a few personal articles and sued on the ground of undue influence and incompetency.

The case was tried several months ago and the jury stood eleven to one for the plaintiff, but the twelfth man insisted that no persuasion could induce him to change his mind. The other jurors reported to the court that the twelfth man declared several days before the case was all in that he had made up his mind. The present trial lasted two weeks.

**CAMPBELL, S. C. A SUNNY RESORT.**  
In the Long Leaf Pine section of S. Carolina. Tourist electric also to Tampa, Orlando, Sarasota. Inq. P. R. R. or Seaboard office, 110 B'way, 4th fl.

**GRIFFENHAGEN BLACK HANDED****REGISTER HAS FOUR ITALIANS NABBED FOR THREATS.**

Italian Watchman Discharged From Hotelling Works Offered to Put a Stop to Them for \$21—Police on Hand When Money Is Paid Kidnapping Talk.

Four Italians were arrested and taken to Headquarters last night charged by Register Max S. Griffenhagen with extortion. The arrest followed the receipt of several Black Hand letters by the Register, in which he was ordered to hand over \$1,000 or be blown up and have his house fired. Mr. Griffenhagen called the police in a while ago and last night they landed the men in a bunch.

Mr. Griffenhagen is president of the Griffenhagen & Bros. bottling works at 249 Tenth avenue. Last December Louis Cavalieri, a night watchman, was discharged, and in his place a man known as Mike, because his real name couldn't be pronounced, was engaged. Louis Cavalieri and his brother Tony came around to call on Mike shortly afterward and invited him to attend a party, but Mike refused. Two nights later Mike was beaten up, and he hasn't been seen since.

Following this incident Mr. Griffenhagen got a new watchman, a German. On December 30 last a letter covered with skulls and crossbones and regular Mafia stuff reached Mr. Griffenhagen. It read about as follows: "We demand \$1,000 on January 1 at nine in the morning. Take the Forty-second street ferry, and when you get to Jersey walk up one block and turn to the right. Drop the money and walk away, and don't look around. Send your watchman with the money. If you don't do this your house will be burned and you will be blown up."

The letter purported to be sent by the Black Hand. A little boy brought it to the Register. Two detectives went over with the watchman and carried out instructions, except for dropping the \$1,000, but they couldn't find any Black Handers. More letters arrived, subsequently. Stanislaus Valente, a friend of the Cavalieris, asked Mr. Griffenhagen if he had received any letters, and that furnished a clue. The last letter came yesterday, and it requested Mr. Griffenhagen to hand over \$1,000 at his convenience on Saturday morning. More threats of fire and blowing up.

Yesterday Louis Cavalieri told Mr. Griffenhagen that he could fix the business for \$21, which he would take to cover expenses. The Register consented and asked Cavalieri to meet him last night. Lieut. Vachris and several detectives from the Italian squad were present and saw Mr. Griffenhagen give the money to Cavalieri in the bottling works and incidentally heard the man say that it was a good thing to fix it up because the Black Hand might otherwise get hold of Griffenhagen's boys.

The detectives upon leaving the bottling works followed Cavalieri to 425 West Twenty-sixth street, where he met his brother, Tony, Stanislaus Valente and Pettenato Biengio. The four Italians were arrested. They lived there together and the police say they sent the letters.

**CALISE HEALTHY WOMAN THIEF.**  
Isky's Widow, Often Arrested for Shoplifting, Taken for Stealing Furs.

Mrs. Yetta Green, who the police say has been arrested before for shoplifting in spite of a comfortable fortune left her by her husband, was arrested yesterday at her home, 215 East 117th street. Charles Grossman, proprietor of a fur shop at 1067 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, charges her with the larceny of a fur coat valued at \$400.

Grossman went to Police Headquarters yesterday and identified Yetta as the woman who entered his shop with a companion last Wednesday and asked to see some coats. While the woman was getting her stock in the rear of the store, he says, the woman and her friend left, taking a Persian lamb coat trimmed with mink priced at \$400.

Detective Matthew Kelly brought the fur dealer to Manhattan Thursday to look over the rogues' gallery. He picked out Yetta's picture. The detectives who arrested her yesterday did not find the coat. Kelly said that Yetta Green's husband, known to the police as "Isky," left her considerable money when he died. In spite of this, he says, the woman has frequently been arrested for shoplifting. She was one of two women, he says, arrested by Detectives Landers and Maddox in a Grand street store several months ago. As a result of the way the case was presented in Essex Market court Landers and Maddox were put on trial at Headquarters charged with failing to present the proper evidence in court.

The prisoner was taken to Brooklyn after Mr. Grossman had recognized her.

**HELD UP IN BRONX CROWD.****Three Men Followed Contractor From Canal Street Bank and Got \$270.**

Three men held up Morris Rosenberg of 286 Brook avenue in a thickly populated section of The Bronx shortly after dark last evening and robbed him of \$270. More persons on the street saw the men cluster around Rosenberg, but they didn't expect highwaymen up there, so there was no outcry. Rosenberg yelled too late.

Rosenberg is a contractor and mason who pays off his men on Saturday. Yesterday afternoon he went down town to his bank at 42 Canal street and drew out \$270. After that he took an uptown Third avenue elevated train. On the train he noticed three men he had observed as came out of the bank. Rosenberg said that he began to worry a bit because he thought they were following him, and when they got off with him at 135th street he was positive.

The contractor walked rapidly over to Willis avenue and turned into 135th street. The trio were still on his trail, and he hastened in order to avoid them. They hurried too, and before he realized what was happening one of them pinned back his arms while the third ransacked his pockets. They lifted the roll of \$270 and ran away. Rosenberg yelled, and a few women who realized what had happened yelled also.

The highwaymen escaped, Rosenberg told the story to the police of the Alexander avenue station and furnished a minute description of the robbers.

**GIRL WRITES THE PRIZE PLAY.****Wins Craic Award Over Sixteen Harvard Men and Five Other Girls.**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 13.—A Radcliffe College girl has beaten sixteen Harvard men and five other Radcliffe girls for the Craic prize of \$250 for dramatic composition. John Craig, the actor, gives the prize, this being the first year of competition for it. Mr. Craig, H. B. Stanton, Harvard, 1900, and Prof. G. P. Baker, '87, were the committee on award.

The winner is Miss Florence Agnes Lincoln, a special student at Radcliffe, who lives in Charlestown, Mass. The name of the successful play is "The End of the Bridge," in three acts. A condition of the competition was that the play be produced.

**ODE TO A FOG.****The Ship News Reporter Hymns the Lack of News and the Causes Thereof.**

The world afloat on sea and sound was very slow in getting round, and every skipper in his log made comments on the stubborn fog, remarking you can bet your life that you could cut it with a knife, for that is what all skippers say of heavy fogs that block their way. "Twas much like any other fog that often has been known to clog the harbor gates, inspiring all the ship news men to call it 'pull,' describing it likewise as gray, a very proper thing to say. The ship news walked down at the Hook, where De La Motte, the Count, could look at only melancholy mist, which he predicted would persist perhaps until the break of day, but hoped that it would break away enough to let the liners in at anchor in the muffled din.

Because of the aforesaid vapor there's little ship news in the paper.

**CHAS. H. HYDE IN THE MUD.****Seems Plain He's Aboard the Houseboat Stop-a-While.**

DAYTONA, Fla., Jan. 13.—That Charles H. Hyde, City Chamberlain of New York, is on the houseboat Stop-a-While stranded on the mud banks of a canal ten miles north of Daytona now seems proved. He has not been seen since Tuesday, when Miss Sherman, a relative of the Wiswells family, stated positively that he boarded the boat at St. Augustine just as it was leaving port.

When a reporter approached the boat this evening he was commanded by John Wiswell, father-in-law of Hyde, not to come nearer. In answer to the query as to whether Hyde was aboard he said with a deep frown: "That is for you to guess. You will get nothing from me by questioning or otherwise; so go on."

Mrs. Hyde and her two children are aboard, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Wiswell.

**ROBERT DAVIS WILL FOUND.****Heirs Want His Wife and Eldest Son to Administer \$1,000,000 Estate.**

It was supposed that the late City Collector, Robert Davis, Democratic leader of Hudson county, had died intestate until a will signed by him in 1899 was found after his death in a safe in the City Collector's office. By the terms of the will Mr. Davis divided his estate equally among his four sons, William J., Robert, George and Joseph, and named William, the eldest, now dead, as executor.

Mr. Davis married twice after his first was made, and another son, Hugh, was born. The testament will be filed for probate, but the heirs will ask for the appointment of two persons to administer the estate. Robert Davis, the eldest son, and Mrs. Annie Toppin Davis, whom the Democratic leader married a week before he died, will be named as administrators. The estate is believed to be worth at least \$1,000,000.

**YASHIRO MAY BE REPROVED.****Japanese Admiral Who Spoke Against the Fortification of the Canal.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The Japanese Embassy has taken steps to ascertain the accuracy of the statement attributed to Rear Admiral Yashiro, who commanded the Japanese training squadron which recently visited Panama. In press despatches from the Isthmus he was quoted as saying that "in his opinion the United States would make a